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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: HALFTONE PHASE SHIFT MASK BLANK, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Enclosed are:

- ✓ ☒ A specification consisting of Eighteen (18) pages
- ✓ ☒ One (1) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ✓ ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority

☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-294863 filed in Japan on October 8, 2002.

✓ ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

✓ ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

☐ Preliminary Amendment

✓ ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

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